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Admission of Adi-Dravida children into Cherukunnu Board High School, Malabar.

* 1810 Q.—Mr. V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that in the Cherukunnu Board High School in Malabar, Adi-Dravida children are not admitted, and if so, what are Government proposing to do in the matter?

A.—The Government have no information, but they have called for it.

Mr V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—"If, on receipt of the report, the hon. Minister finds that this disability exists, will he take steps to remove it?"

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"It is a hypothetical question."

Local Boards

Action taken on the resolution regarding the introduction of a system of voting that will ensure secrecy among illiterate voters.

* 1811 Q.—Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA: Will the hon. the Minister for Education and Local Self-Government be pleased to state what is the result of action taken by the Government on the resolution of this House passed on 31st March 1927 regarding the introduction of a system of voting that will ensure secrecy even among illiterate voters?

A.—The question of securing secrecy of voting by illiterate voters was placed before the Local and Municipal Advisory Committee in August 1927. The Committee were unable to agree upon any secret method of voting and were of opinion that the existing system should be continued. The matter was accordingly dropped.

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know what measures were discussed by the Committee?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The proposals made on the floor of the House by Mr. Biswanath Das and others were considered by the Committee and they thought that it was not feasible to have a satisfactory solution of this vexed problem."

Mr. R. NAGAN GOWDA :—"May I know what were the methods that were discussed?"

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"May I know what action was taken by the Government on the resolution for the adoption of coloured boxes and symbols to maintain the secrecy of voting?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"This matter was discussed by the Local Bodies Advisory Committee, which thought that it was not feasible to adopt those methods."

Sriman BISWANATH DAS Mahasayo:—"Was it before or after the passing of the resolution by the Council?"

The hon. Dr. P. SUBBARAYAN :—"The hon. Member presumes too much; it was only after the resolution was passed by this House."